Diversion of Funds

1819. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA:
SHRI RAGHAVJI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to link central plan assistance to States to specific proposals so as to avoid diversion of funds to unproductive expenditure;

(b) whether it is a fact that many cases of diversion of funds by various States have been reported to Government; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when such a proposal is likely to be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) Government is considering to make Central Assistance to State Plans more project specific in order to prevent the possibility of diversion of Central Assistance to non-plan revenue expenditure in the case of States for which own resources are negative. Some steps have already been taken in this direction like creation of Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (AIBP) under which project specific assistance is provided for irrigation projects.

Financial Support for Modernisation of Cochin Shipyard

1820. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Kerala Government has sought adequate fund support for implementation of its scheme for expansion and modernisation of ship repair facilities in Cochin Shipyard Limited from the Planning Commission; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Planning Commission thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The Government of Kerala had approached the Planning Commission for adequate fund support during the Ninth Plan Period for expansion of ship repair facilities so as to create an infrastructure of international standards in public sector at Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Cochin, envisaging an investment of Rs. 240 crore. In view of the acute constraint on budgetary resources, the Planning Commission had suggested alternative routes of funding either on Build, Operate and Transfer basis or as a joint venture. In the meantime the Shipyard has been asked to go ahead with preparation of a Feasibility Report.

Financial Requirement for Ninth Plan

1821. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the financial requirement for financing the Ninth Plan;

(b) out of these requirements how much will have to be generated by the public sector;

(c) of the public sector resources how much will have to be generated by the L.I.C. and G.I.C.; and

(d) whether any study has been made on the impact of the possible opening up of the insurance sector on the L.I.C. and G.I.C. potential for resource generation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY

OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) and (b) The Ninth Five Year Plan (1997-2002), approved by the National Development Council envisages Public Sector Outlay of Rs. 859200 crore for financing the Plan. This includes the Internal and Extra Budgetary Resources of the Central Public Sector Enterprises to the extent of Rs. 285379 crore and Rs. 55030 crore of the estimated Intrnal and Extra Budgetary Resources of State Enterprises.

(c) The estimated amount of L.I.C. and G.I.C. funds to part finance the Ninth Plan will be Rs. 9353.66 crore. However, the actual amount of L.I.C. and G.I.C. funds utilised by the States would depend upon the terms and conditions negotiated between the various State Governments and the L.I.C. and G.I.C.

(d) no separate study has been made with reference to the impact of possible opening up of insurance sector on the L.I.C. and G.I.C. potential for resource generation for the Ninth Plan. As informed by Ministry of Finance, a substantial amount of additional funds generated by L.I.C. would be available for infrastructure investments.

Development schemes recommended by MPs of Tenth and Eleventh Lok Sabha

1822. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount allocated for the implementation of developmental schemes on the recommendation of Members of Tenth and Eleventh Lok Sabha under Member of Parliament Local Area Development;

(b) the Parliamentary Constituency-wise expenditure incurred in each constituency against the allocation made;

(c) the parliamentary constituency-wise amount still remaining unutilised under the above head; and

(d) the works undertaken and under progress in the above head in the various districts of Punjab, Gujarat and other States so far on the recommendation of Members of the Tenth and Eleventh Lok Sabha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI RAM NAIK): (a) to (c) A total of Rs. 3452.8 crorcs has been released upto 28.2.1999, for both Lok Sabha & Rajya Sabha MPs against which works amounting to Rs. 2971.4 crorcs have been sanctioned and the actual expenditure is Rs. 2238.5 crorcs. The details relating to Parliament Constituency-wise expenditure incurred in each constituency against the allocation made is available in the 'Statement of release and expenditure under MPLAD Scheme', copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(d) The Scheme-wise details of the projects taken up under MPLAD Scheme in various States arc not maintained in the Department of Programme Implementation. Such details arc available with the concerned District Collector.

Non co-operative attitude of State Authorities in Assam

1823. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the non co-operative attitude of the State Authorities in regard to the implementation of M.P.L.A.D. schemes in Silchar, Assam during the last two years;

(b) whether Government arc aware that the schemes/projects suggested by the local M.P. for taking up under M.P.L.A.D. in Silchar are not taken up by the concerned authorities in right ear-